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In re the Application of:)
Philippe A. CHARRIN) **Group Art Unit [Parent]: 2132**
Serial No.: Not yet assigned)
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 SECURE CASHLESS GAMING)
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR § 1.97(b)

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR §§ 1.97 and 1.98, this Information Disclosure Statement is submitted for the purpose of bringing to the attention of the Office the items listed in the accompanying Form PTO-1449. With a few exceptions as noted, copies of the listed items are not enclosed, as each of the items was cited by or submitted to the Patent Office in the prior application (Application Serial No. 09/456,021), from which the present application relies upon for priority under §120. *See* 37 C.F.R. 1.98(d). Only copies of three newly cited patents¹ (U.S. Patent No. 5,038,022 to Lucero, U.S. Patent No. 5,630,755 to Walsh et al., and U.S. Patent No. 6,117,013 to Eiba (counterpart to German Patent DE 195 02 613 A1)) are enclosed for the convenience of the Examiner. However, copies of any or all of the other listed items will gladly be furnished upon request. The Examiner is requested to consider and make these items of information of official record in the Application.

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Furthermore, the submission of the above listed items is not to be construed as a representation that an exhaustive search, or any search, has been made, or that additional information material to the examination of this Application does not exist.

This IDS is believed to be timely in that it is being submitted under 37 CFR §1.97(b)(1) and (3), that is, within the first three months of filing and before the first Office Action on the merits. Thus, no petition or fee is required. However, if the undersigned representative of Applicant is in error in this regard, then the Examiner is requested to consider this IDS as filed under §1.97(c) and is further authorized to charge any fee required by its filing to Deposit Account No. 09-0946.

Respectfully Submitted,

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